

Minutes
Research Subgroup of the Expert Advisory Group
29 May 2020, 4pm (by telecall)

Present: Colm Bergin (CB) (Co-Chair), Cliona O'Farrelly (CO'F) (Co-Chair), Mark Ferguson (MF), Ana Terres (AT), Ivan Perry (IP), Stephen Kinsella (SK), Orla Feely (OF), Mairead O'Driscoll (MO'D), Teresa Maguire (TM).

Apologies: Siobhán O'Sullivan (SO'S)

Minutes: Noelle Cotter

ITEM	Discussion	ACTIONS
1.	Agreed: Minutes from 26 May 2020 - Approved with acknowledgement of Sarah Gibney's secretariat role.	
2.	Conflict of Interest Declarations - None	
3.	National COVID-19 biorepository paper - Paper was circulated in advance - final text agreed after discussion	CB will send the paper to the EAG Chair for the next meeting of that group.
4.	Draft note for EAG (SCOPI study) - A member queried whether the feedback on the sero-prevalence study (SCOPI) had been sent back to the EAG	To check and if not already sent, send to EAG.
5.	REAG self-assessment - Members discussed the future for the group; the important role of research for this pandemic, how the group could contribute and the strategic value of the assembled expertise. - Members keen to learn what NPHE and EAG requires in the months ahead - The EAG Chair will join the next meeting, and further discussion on this topic will follow.	Members to identify responses in other countries relating to research strategy, and strategic use of expertise during the pandemic. CB to liaise with EAG chair regarding attendance at REAG meeting on 5 June 2020.
6.	Communications - Secretariat to enquire about the public availability of EAG minutes in order that RAG minutes can be uploaded.	
7.	AOB - None.	